

TLDR-20-01 (Legislative)

(First Public Hearing

BCC Land Use Meeting 10-13-2020)

Charlotte County

Board of County Commissioners



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FLORIDA

Proposed Change

- Adding “accessory chicken keeping” as a conditional use

Current Regulations

- Raising of poultry
 - Allowed by-right in Agricultural (AG)
 - Previously allowed in Agriculture Estates (AE)
 - Conditional Use in Residential Single Family (RSF)
 - Must be associated with 4H, FFA, or similar program

Reason for Proposed Regulations

- Citizens requesting Urban Chicken Keeping
 - Charlotte CLUCK (Citizens Lobbying for Urban Chicken Keeping)
- Cyclical, requests for this use occur every two-three years
- Previous Boards did not want to allow

What do our neighbors do?

- Allowed:
 - City of North Port, City of Fort Myers, Sarasota County, City of Sarasota, Manatee County
- Not Allowed:
 - City of Bradenton, City of Venice, Longboat Key, Lee County, City of Punta Gorda, City of Cape Coral

What do our neighbors do?

- All jurisdictions which allow them have specific standards
 - Number of chickens
 - Hens only, no roosters
 - Structure setbacks
 - Other slight variations

Proposed Changes

- Only Residential Single-Family (RSF) district
- Does not supersede HOA restrictions
- Most standards consistent with neighboring jurisdictions
 - Number of hens
 - Location requirements
 - Cleanliness and other standards

Change from Special Exception to Conditional Use

- At their first public hearing on July 14, 2020, BCC instructed Staff to change this from a Special Exception use to a Conditional Use, with the conditions provided.

Proposed Differences

- Conditional Use
- Opaque shielding
- Required to take UF/IFAS training
- No fee registration with the County for tracking purposes